

## Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 - Expedited Examining Procedure

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a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions.

31. (AMENDED) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems is oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane.

32. (AMENDED) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems is oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane, and further wherein the plurality of stems is angled in multiple directions.

33. (AMENDED) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems is oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane, and further wherein the plurality of stems is angled in the same direction.

37. (AMENDED) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of discrete regions is separated from one another by an average of approximately 0.05 and 30 centimeters.

40. (AMENDED) A web construction comprising:  
an elastic web coextensive with the web construction;  
a plurality of discrete polymeric regions fused to a first major side of the web; and  
a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane.

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48.

(AMENDED) A web construction comprising:

~~an elastic web comprising loop structures, wherein the elastic web is coextensive with the web construction;~~

~~a plurality of discrete polymeric regions fused to a first major side of the web; and~~

~~a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, wherein the plurality of stems are adapted to lock with the loop structures of the web.~~

53.

(AMENDED) A web construction according to claim 48, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems is oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane.

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(AMENDED) A web construction according to claim 48, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems is oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane, and further wherein the plurality of stems is angled in multiple directions.

55.

(AMENDED) A web construction according to claim 48, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems is oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane, and further wherein the plurality of stems is angled in the same direction.